



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

On a quiet Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, more than 2,400 Americans were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor. On that day, life changed in America, and the course of history was altered forever.

Our citizens reacted to the attack with firm determination to defeat tyranny and secure our Nation. This enterprise required the commitment and effort of our entire country. At the height of the conflict, the United States had ships on every ocean and troops on five continents. In all, more than 16 million Americans wore the uniform of our Nation. They came from all walks of life. They served honorably and fought fiercely. At home, millions more contributed to the war effort, laboring for victory in our factories, on farms, and across America.

Today, we honor those who fought and died at Pearl Harbor, and we pay special tribute to the veterans of World War II. These heroes hold a cherished place in our history. Through their courage, sacrifice, and selfless dedication, they saved our country and preserved freedom. As we fight the war on terror, their patriotism continues to inspire a new generation of Americans who have been called to defend the blessings of liberty. Like those who have gone before them throughout our history, our troops fighting the war on terror are defending America from danger and liberating the oppressed.

The Congress, by Public Law 103-308, as amended, has designated December 7 of each year as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

From A Proclamation by the President of the United States
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2004

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/12/20041206-8.html>

Websites You May Want to Visit

Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Pearl_Harbor

The World At War

<http://www.worldwar2history.net/>

BBC World War II

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/war/wwtwo/>

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Books You May Want to Read (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Full Text, type in Pearl Harbor, unclick Adult and then hit Search.) Or, go to the shelves and look for the call number 940.5426

The bombing of Pearl Harbor by Alan Pierce

The bombing of Pearl Harbor in American history by Nathan Anthony and Robert Gardner
Traces events leading up to and resulting from the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on American battleships at Pearl Harbor, which brought the United States into World War II

Pearl Harbor by G.C. Skipper with consultant, Robert L. Messer
Describes the Japanese surprise attack on the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, which resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 American officers and servicemen and an immediate declaration of war on Japan

Pearl Harbor by Judy L. Hasday
Chronicles the events leading up to Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the details of the attack itself, and the ensuing reaction of the United States

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| Pearl Harbor Attack, 1941 | World War II, 1939-1945 |
| Attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941 | |

Check This Out:

Remembering Pearl Harbor: The USS Arizona Memorial
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/18arizona/18arizona.htm>

Listen to This:

To hear the speech President Roosevelt gave the Nation after the attack on Pearl Harbor
<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrpearlharbor.htm>

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